

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

United States District Court	DISTRICT of ARIZONA	
United States of America v. Daniel Fernando Piedra-Nieto DOB: 1982; Mexican Citizen	DOCKET NO.	
	MAGISTRATE'S CASE NO. 19-09129MJ	
Complaint for violations of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A)(viii)		
COMPLAINANT'S STATEMENT OF FACTS CONSTITUTING THE OFFENSE OR VIOLATION: On or about August 10, 2019, at or near Lukeville, in the District of Arizona, Daniel Fernando Piedra-Nieto did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, or 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, that is, approximately 13.90 kilograms of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance; in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A)(viii).		
BASIS OF COMPLAINANT'S CHARGE AGAINST THE ACCUSED: On August 10, 2019, Daniel Fernando Piedra-Nieto applied for admission into the U.S. from Mexico at the Lukeville, Arizona Port of Entry (POE) as the driver of a 2016 Nissan pickup. The vehicle was referred to secondary inspection where PIEDRA-Nieto told Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers that he was traveling to Phoenix, Arizona for business and was driving his company vehicle. An x-ray scan of the vehicle revealed anomalies in the door and rear passenger compartment of the vehicle. A CBP canine alerted to an odor it is trained to detect from the vehicle. CBP officers removed a total of thirty packages from the passenger door panel and rear passenger compartment panel. The total weight of the packages was 13.90 kilograms. A representative sample of the contents of the packages tested positive for the characteristics of methamphetamine. In a post <i>Miranda</i> statement, PIEDRA-Nieto stated he was contacted by a man earlier in the week who asked him to transport methamphetamine from Mexico into the United States. PIEDRA-Nieto stated the man asked him to transport 10 pounds of methamphetamine through the Lukeville POE. PIEDRA-Nieto said he agreed to transport drugs into the United States. PIEDRA-Nieto stated he was to receive \$1,500 to cross the drugs into the United States.		
MATERIAL WITNESSES IN RELATION TO THE CHARGE:		
DETENTION REQUESTED Being duly sworn, I declare that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. KCH/drh <i>[Signature]</i> AUTHORIZED AUSA Kevin Hakala	SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT (official title) <i>[Signature]</i> E. Ford OFFICIAL TITLE Special Agent	
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence.		
SIGNATURE OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE¹⁾ <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE August 12, 2019	

¹⁾ See Federal rules of Criminal Procedure Rules 3 and 54